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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:11

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BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

Mrs. T. L. McLain

"Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."

Here the Spirit is compared to wine. Those intoxicated on wine are often cheerful, joyous, talking to themselves, singing and having a good time, as they think, regardless of persons or circumstances. On the day of Pentecost, when the hundred and twenty were filled with the Spirit, they surely must have been acting like drunk men.

The multitude that came together were confounded and amazed, and said, What does all this mean? Surely these people who are acting so peculiar, have gotten some new wine somewhere and are all drunk.

But, no, they were not drunk on wine, but were intoxicated with the Spirit, and were speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance: singing, shouting, dancing and making melody in their hearts unto the Lord.

Those who drink wine will take the last dollar and spend it for whiskey. They don't heed their needy condition; they don't care for good clothing, or comfortable homes; but while they are filled with wine, they think themselves rich and feel strong and brave.

Those filled with the Spirit are often in destitute circumstances, but you can't discourage them by talking of their trials: they will smile and say, we know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord; we are learning that tribulation worketh patience, and we all want more patience; so if men smite, and persecute us, and say all manner of evil against us falsely, we won't grieve and complain, fire back at them and try to get even with them; but we will rejoice and be exceedingly glad, and leap for joy. When we first received this wonderful filling of the Spirit, some of our friends thought it strange that we were taking off after those holy people, who claimed to live above sin; and would say, you are just deluded, and it won't be long until you will be back with us. Now you had just as well talk to a man that is drunk on wine, and try to get him to behave himself, as to talk to those filled with the Spirit of God. We know whereof we speak. As we pray and study the blessed Word of God, and yield ourselves over to the Holy Ghost, our capacity to receive the Spirit increases, and our eyes are open to see more of the deep things of God.

It is written: Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit. So we go on our way rejoicing, speaking to ourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs; singing and making melody in our hearts to the Lord.

Some people pity us, some get mad and call us the offscourings of the earth, but what do we care when we are filled (intoxicated) with the Spirit. Oh that we who have the blessed Holy Ghost would quit being so nice and formal, but yield to Him and let Him waft us about, so it could be said of us, like it was of those on the day of Pentecost, "These are full of new wine."

Those drunk on wine, naturally timid, will endanger their lives by manifesting a spirit of reckless bravery—not afraid of anything. We who are filled with the Spirit don't

boast in ourselves. We realize without the help of the Lord we can do nothing. Prov. 28:1 says, "The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are bold as a lion. We remember how Peter denied the Lord thrice, and swore he knew Him not, but after he was filled with the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, when he stood up boldly and declared Jesus Christ (a man approved of God by miracles and wonders) unto them, and said, ye have taken and slain Him, by wicked hands.

I heard a dear sister testify, how, when she and her husband first were filled with the Spirit, the enemy was so enraged that men would come to their doors with clubs in their hands and forbid them having prayer meeting; but they were as bold as a lion, and went on with their prayer meeting, and God confirmed the Word with signs and wonders.

Men drunk on wine are so dead to themselves and surroundings, they fight and get all bruised, and scratched up—some one can slash them several times with a knife,—still they don't seem to mind it.

Those filled with the Spirit will hazard their lives for the sake of the gospel. Many times a howling mob will stand around and make their threats, but where sin abounds grace does much more abound.

Paul and Silas didn't give down because they were cast into the prison; stripped of their clothing, their backs beaten and their feet made fast in the stocks, but at midnight they had a little prayer meeting. Why? Because they were filled with the Spirit. Stephen didn't murmur when he was wrongfully accused; cast out of the city, and stoned to death. But, he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looking up steadfastly into heaven, saw the glory of God and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. Those filled with wine are very often taken by law, hand cuffed, and put behind the bars.

Notice how Herod, the King, stretched forth his hand to persecute the Christians. He killed James, the brother of John, with the sword, and put Peter in prison; but prayer was made without ceasing (by the Church) unto God for him. Behold an angel stood by him, and touched him on the side, and said, "Arise quickly," and his chains, or hand cuffs, fell off his hands, and Peter went free. Notice again, how Peter and John was brought before Annas, the high priest; and were put in prison because a notable miracle had been done, which was manifest to all that dwell in Jerusalem, and they couldn't deny it. But in order that it spread no farther, they straitly threatened them not to speak any more in Jesus' name. Peter and John, being full of the Spirit, were as bold as a lion and said, "Whether it be right in the sight of God, to hearken unto you, more than unto God, judge ye." And being let go they went to their own company.

Did they, too, become fearful and give down, because of their persecutions? No. But said, "Now Lord, behold their threatenings and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word by stretching forth thy hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done, in the name of thy holy child Jesus." Those drunk on wine, naturally timid, will endanger their lives by manifesting a spirit of reckless bravery—not afraid of anything. We who are filled with the Spirit don't

All through the ages men

GOD'S WAY OF DEALING

Ida Armstrong.

God would never send you the darkness,
If He thought you could bear the light;
But you would not cling to His guiding hand,
If the way were always bright;
And you would not care to walk by faith,
Could you always walk by sight.

'Tis true He has many an anguish,
For your sorrowing heart to bear;
And many a cruel thorn crown,
For your tired head to wear;
He knows how few would reach Heaven at all,
If pain did not guide them there.

So He sends the blinding darkness,
And the furnace of seven-fold heat;
'Tis the only way, believe me,
To keep you close to His feet;
For 'tis always so easy to wander,
When our lives are glad and sweet.

Then nestle your hand in your Father's,
And sing if you can, as you go;
Your song may cheer some one behind you.
Whose courage is sinking low;
And, well, well, if your lips do quiver,
God will love you better so.

We Can Live Above Sin

Dean Watson

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

My whole hearts desire and prayer to God is to do something for Christ, my Savior, who died on Calvary for me: the precious Savior who had His hands and feet pierced through with cruel nails, and His poor tender flesh torn for me. I can never do enough for Him, but I just told us in the sixth chapter, and last verse, that sin was death.

Now Paul did not come back to his spiritual self, you will notice, until, as he told them, he had striven with the evil spirit which was in him. He had become exceedingly sinful and tried his best to be a good man, all to no avail, because he did not come to God through Jesus His Son. He, no doubt, tried to be a man of the world and a child of God at the same time. We have these same kind of folks today. They want to serve God and mammon; they want to go to ball games, moving picture shows, prize fights, hoard money and dress like the world. They will cry, like Paul, "Oh wretched man that I am; who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Rom. 7:24.

On the other hand, very few are willing to let Paul tell them how to be born again, and get out of the body of that death. They fear the persecutions they may have to bear to be called the children of God. They will not let that sweet Savior of ours come in; they have him barred out with all kinds of false gods such as, the love of the world, the pride of life, and the lust of the flesh. They will not humble themselves down and be like Jesus. They are proud; and are what the world calls wise men, but the Bible says they are fools.

May every saint offer up a prayer of thanks unto God for the marvelous light that He has given us on His precious Word. Glory to God. We were once blind, but now we see.

"Oh I want to see Him, look upon His face,
There to sing forever, of His saving grace.

and women have stood true to their Lord, amid fearful torments and persecutions, and have sung and praised the Lord even while being consumed by the flames; causing their enemies to marvel at such wonderful power of endurance. I wonder how many of us today have the martyr spirit. If we haven't we should, as saints, pray until the place where we are assembled be shaken, and we get a fresh anointing of the Holy Ghost.

EXCHANGE

We have learned of a number of people who desire to dispose of their present holdings, in order to locate in Cleveland, on account of the Church and the Bible Training School. We will say to any who are thus interested to write us freely, and we will do whatever we can to assist you in locating here, without expense to you.

THE LOST BATTLE

C. E. Banks.

It would be well to read the 6th chapter of Joshua, and to notice what a great victory was won through obedience. That great wicked city of Jericho was taken; but I notice that in the 7th chapter, another battle was begun and lost, all on the account of one man's disobedience. Joshua having had such success in taking Jericho, begins another battle, but in this people began to suffer defeat and go down from the very first. Now I fancy I can hear the groans of Joshua over that great loss. His heart no doubt was troubled, but in verse 10 I hear God speak to him telling him to get up. I can almost see Joshua getting up and wiping his tear-stained face, and can hear God say that Israel has sinned; but Joshua must clear himself. If he does not God is going to withdraw Himself from him.

"Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow: for thus saith the Lord God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you."

Now we see Joshua calling tribes and families and households before him. Then they come, man by man, and at last comes a man by the name of Achan, and I hear Joshua say unto him:

"My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the Lord God of Israel, and make confessions unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done, hide it not from me."

Then I can hear Achan answer, with his trembling voice, "Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done." Poor broken-hearted Joshua, I can almost see him as he listens to the sad story of Achan, who continues to explain, "When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it."

Then we see Joshua sending messengers into the tent, and they bring the wedge, the silver, and the garment out of the midst of the tent. Let us now call your attention to what became of Achan, his sons, daughters, and stock. I hear Joshua cry out unto him saying, "Why hast thou troubled us? the Lord shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with the stones."

I wonder if we have any Achans today with their garment and silver and golden wedge. What do these typify? The garment typifies envy, the silver strife, and the golden wedge malice. Notice these little tiny things stop the battle, keep God from blessing, and send souls down to hell. Why?

Because envy binds, ties down and tangles the feet. Strife is heavy, and pulls down, causing the preaching to be of no effect. A little malice, which is the golden wedge, binds and blocks the whole thing. Then the poor preacher, if he cannot get these little things brought to the altar, and pitched out of the camp, he will not be able to make much progress for the Lord's work at this place.

The destruction of Achan and his family is just a picture of what these little things will do for us. We notice that the little things Achan practised invited God's wrath upon him and his family. A little strife or envy in the heart of the parents will cause the same to be bred in

the lives of the children, and cause them to be lost if they do not turn away from such things. I believe there is a host of dear boys and girls who have once known God in His power, but today they are back in the world, in sin and away from God. Why? Because their parents, like Achan, have something hidden. They will stand with tear filled eyes and say, "Pray that my boy or girl may be saved" or "That they may get back to God," and they themselves cannot reach Heaven with their prayers because of the garment, silver or golden wedge hidden somewhere. I fear there are a good many Achans; and if only the Achans would be lost over these little things hidden in the earth, or in their lives, it would not be so bad; but their children, their friends, their neighbors, and God only knows how many, it will cause to go down without God.

Then I might say to the Joshuas, or the preachers, do not give up and let God have to tell you to get up off of your face, but keep your eyes upon Heaven and stay out of God's way, and He will bring the garments, silver, and golden wedges all out sooner or later. It may take rain, hail, storms, fires, fever, cripes, invalids, and even crepe on the door-knob, but after all, we will have to bow our heads and say "Our God doeth all things well."

I humbly ask God's blessings upon every blood bought child of His. We will not be fenced by Satan's hedges, but we will rid ourselves of these hindrances, for we have promised God that we were going through.

REQUEST

T. S. Creamer, Johnson City, Tenn. requests the saints every where to pray that God will remove all hindering causes that keep him from getting the Holy Ghost, and that his body might be healed.

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Earl A. Cripps.

First. Failing to lift up Jesus as the One who takes away the sins, infirmities, and sickness of the whole world, causing some to go to another source for salvation and healing. Of course there are people who think themselves too intellectual to humble themselves and be converted, or to obey James 5:14 when they get sick.

Second. Neglecting to teach men to observe all things, whatever He commanded in the sermon on the Mount, etc.; when this teaching and practice alone would settle every evil in the world today.

Third. Unconsciously preaching another gospel by the use of illustrations which leave the impression that the things we preach are contrary to sound doctrine.

Fourth. Substituting law for grace by binding people to esteem one day above another, and not to eat certain meats, thereby making their conscience weak, causing them to sin if they should have to work on Sunday, or eat these certain meats.

Fifth. Supposing that signs and miracles will follow any other, than a life like Stephen's with His Lord, who was able to say, "Lord lay not this sin to their charge," or in other words, an Ananias and Sapphira consecration.

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The Celebration of the Savior's Birthday Pleased Him at Campaign and Bone Cave

The glad birthday of our King has come and gone, but the joy of it will remain with us at Campaign and Bone Cave.

On Christmas eve night the children at Campaign rendered a splendid program, assisted by the school teachers at this place—Mrs. Henrietta Hash and Miss Mae Hillis. After the program, the attention of the large congregation was called to a very beautiful and well decorated Christmas tree, hanging full of nice presents for both young and old.

All the program was good and sacred, and each speaker spoke well, therefore, we verily believe the smile of God was upon us in celebrating His Son's birthday in such a holy and divine way. Surely it was pleasing to Him whom we were honoring, to present our gifts to our friends.

On the first Christmas, hundreds of years ago, the wise men came from the East, and found the babe of Bethlehem, and they opened their treasures and presented unto Him gifts

dance, shout and leap for joy. Wife brought the message, and her third effort was a failure, in trying to read a passage of Scripture, on account of the glory and power of God. Finally the service was completely given up to God; and He sent a message of warning to His children, to walk humbly and prayerfully before Him. Surely from this time forth we will be better men and women for Him.

Jno. C. Jernigan, pastor.

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Report of the Work at Cottageville, W. Va.

I want to sound a note of praise to the Evangel family for the way the Lord is blessing. He has saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and my husband is saved and sanctified. Please pray that he may receive the Holy Ghost.

The Lord is truly blessing us in this part of the country. Last March the Lord sent Brother H. V. Lawson here. No one had the blessing, or knew very much about holiness. God gave power and wisdom that the gainsayers could not resist. Brother Lawson preached eight days, and God wonderfully blessed.

The church was set in order with fourteen members and none had the baptism, but in order to hold the work together Brother Lawson thought it best to set the church in order. Later other ministers came in, with no results. The 4th of October, Brother Lawson and Brother and Sister Rice came

and pitched a battle against the enemy. The Lord blessed from the beginning of the meeting. There were eight sanctified, six baptized with the Holy Ghost, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

One man came about ten miles, afflicted with heart trouble, and the Lord wonderfully healed him. Sister Ida Sayre was healed instantly of a complication of diseases.

On Thursday night before the meeting closed, Brother Drummond came in and preached on the government of the Church. He held a short business meeting, and Brother Lawson was unanimously chosen as pastor of the Church. The meeting closed with great victory.

On Dec. 7th, Brother Lawson came back and began a revival meeting and the Lord is wonderfully blessing. Nine have been saved and four baptized with the Holy Ghost. Seventeen were left at the altar when the meeting closed.

One woman was healed of tuberculosis, who had not been able to do her work for three years. She is able to walk one mile to church, and back through the mud, and is doing her own work. On Dec. 19th she put out a big washing. How we do praise God for old time salvation.

The Church here is surely standing on the Word of God, and the Lord is giving Brother Lawson power to preach His divine Word strong, and to the point.

Brother Edward Burgy, from Parkersburg is here in this meeting, and we do appreciate his being with us. He is a power in the service of the Lord. We have twenty-four members at this date. Fourteen have followed the Lord in water baptism.

Our Sunday school is fine, with good attendance. We ask an interest in your prayers for this place.

H. J. Shim and wife.

IN MEMORY OF

Goins

On December 11, 1923, the death angel visited the home of Mr. Eli Goins, and claimed their daughter, Hattie. She was born October 2, 1905, died December 11, 1923. She died of pneumonia.

During a revival in February, 1923 she was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. A few days later she was added to the Church of God at Oakey, six miles from Cleveland, Tenn. She was the first member lost by death.

We miss her in the Sunday school, and in the choir. The Church appreciated her faithfulness. While we will miss her here on earth, she has gone to increase the number of the heavenly host, and if we remain true to God we will meet her again on the other shore, where parting will be no more.

She leaves to mourn her loss, a father, mother, three brothers, two sisters and a host of friends. The funeral was conducted by Bro. Zeno Tharp, and the body laid to rest in Piney Cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

A friend,
Olie Lawson,
Cleveland, Tenn.

MIZE

On Nov. 24, 1923, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mize, and claimed their precious daughter, twenty-two years of age.

She was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and shouted the praises of God for quite a while, but afterwards grew cold in her experience, and finally was taken sick with typhoid fever. The saints prayed for her several times, but she did not seem to improve. Finally she asked us to pray that she might receive the Holy Ghost again, but not to pray for her to be healed, as she believed it was the Lord's will to take her, and she wanted to be ready.

We prayed for her, and in about five or ten minutes she was talking in tongues. Before she died she sang two or three songs, then sang them in the Spirit. The songs were, Gather-

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REPORTS

I want to report victory for the Church of God on the Point district

I have had charge of the work here for three years. God has blessed in many ways. I am now entering on my fourth year's work. The Church is taking on new interest. Some are starting in this new year paying tithes, and are already shouting the victory. Oh! Glory! I feel like traveling on!

The last year has been the best of my life and I expect to make this year even better.

Below is a formula of my new year's pledge.

Resolved, that I am going to make this the best year of my life for God and His Church, by living a Bible life; abiding by every rule of the Church; supporting every department; enjoying its fellowship and protection; boasting its doctrines and principles, from that of the most neglected doctrine, tithing, to the most cherished rapture of the saints.

Sign here every member.

T. M. McClendon, dist. overseer, Point, Texas.

I want to report victory at this place.

I have a nice Sunday school here and a little band of saints on fire for God. Our work is progressing and the Lord is surely blessing us.

When I came here some two months ago, things were not looking very promising, but, thank God, He has sifted us out, and most of the saints are standing for the Church and her government. Praise His name.

Pray for me, brothers, that God will get glory out of my life.

As ever yours in Him,
W. E. Creekmore,
116 E. Central Avenue,
Albuquerque, New Mex.

The revival tide seems to be rising everywhere. Praise the Lord! Writes, E. C. Merritt, Linden, Fla.

We have just closed a meeting which continued about six weeks. The Lord sure did give us the victory here in Eldorado, Ill. The writer took charge of the work here the 18th of November. Brother W. M. Rumler did the preaching. The Lord sure did bless him in giving out the Word, which went forth with power.

The Lord saved thirty-one, sanctified twenty-one, baptized twenty-five with the Holy Ghost, and thirty-seven were added to the Church of God with Headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn., and F. J. Lee as General Overseer. There were twenty-eight baptized in water Dec. 30. Among those who came in the Church were two Methodist sisters, and they are shining for God and His Church. Writes, Tony Ford, pastor.

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REPORT OF KINSERS TABERNACLE MEETING

The meeting held at Kinsers Tabernacle Christmas week, close, Friday night.

The services were conducted by Brother W. S. Matheny and other students of the Bible school, namely, Sister Josie Farmer, Mura Dorsett and the writer. Each delivered rich messages, which were enjoyed by all.

Sinners were held spell bound, as the Word was preached with great power. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Saints danced, shouted and talked in tongues, while the waves of glory rolled.

Sinners were under conviction and many came to the altar. Great waves of power would sweep over the seekers at the altar, while the Lord's power was being manifested, and seekers wept their way through to Calvary. Glory to His name, who doeth all things well. Six were saved during the meeting, five sanctified, and two received the Holy Ghost. Many others were hungry for the blessing. Some who at first opposed holiness were made to realize that the Lord was with us, and acknowledged that we were right.

Other students from the Bible school came out and helped some in the meetings, which was highly appreciated.

The band boys came out Saturday night and rendered some wonderful music, which was enjoyed by all.

It was truly wonderful to see the children testifying for Jesus.

Our hearts are burdened for this place, for we feel that there are many who would like to come this way.

Oh that we could stay under the burden for lost souls all the time. Surely we could accomplish something for Jesus, the One who has done so much for us.

We would like to have continued the meeting longer, but duty demanded that we return to our school work.

The saints at this place gave a pounding for Brother Matheny which he appreciated very much. We appreciated the kindness of the people, while we were there. Eternity alone can tell the good that was accomplished.

Alice Stevens.

LOCAL NEWS

By Maggie Free and Alice Stephens

As this is the last month of the three months term of school, every one is trying to make good, realizing that time lost is never gained.

We also have two new students in the school, namely, Sister Pearl Auten and Brother Ernest Dillbeck.

Brother E. L. Simmons delivered a wonderful message to the Bible students Tuesday A. M. on 2 Tim. 2:15. He took for his theme "Studying the Word." His message was inspiring and was enjoyed by all.

Brother W. S. Matheny and other students of the Bible School motored out to Kinsers Tabernacle last Sunday P. M. and held services.

Brother P. W. Chesser filled Brother Matheny's appointment out there. The Lord was with us. He surely has some true blue Christians out there.

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interest for the church here in Cleveland continues to increase.

The saints are meeting in the homes and having tarrying meetings. Many prayers are ascending to the throne of grace. We're looking for the Lord to work a great work at this place.

As we went down before God in prayer Thursday morning in the school room His hallowed presence settled down over us, and there was shouting, weeping and other manifestations of the Holy Spirit, which were inspiring and enjoyed by all, and was probably due to a sleepless night spent in prayer by Bro. Ellis. We believe that all are feeling the need of getting down more in earnest than ever before.

Sisters Hagewood and Hilsabeck were the happy recipients of a good sized box which contained a lot of nice home made sausage and head cheese, sent by Sister Lela Ammons of Henning, Tenn. It was appreciated very much. Am sure the Lord will reward them.

GET KNOWLEDGE

The devil is a cunning fellow, he is lurking around every church, and every home up and down the country, and everywhere that God will permit him to go. His aim is to destroy the souls of humanity, and he is making fast progress.

Many, many souls are dropping off into eternity every minute of time, and such a few of them are prepared to go. Just think of the immense population of the world today, with so few blood washed Christians. There are many who profess Christianity, but so few who really possess it. Oh, that all people who profess religion were really in possession of it. Many are being deceived, while there are others who are finding the precious jewel of great price.

We would like to have continued the meeting longer, but duty demanded that we return to our school work.

The saints at this place gave a pounding for Brother Matheny which he appreciated very much. We appreciated the kindness of the people, while we were there. Eternity alone can tell the good that was accomplished.

Alice Stevens.

LOCAL NEWS

By Maggie Free and Alice Stephens

As this is the last month of the three months term of school, every one is trying to make good, realizing that time lost is never gained.

We also have two new students in the school, namely, Sister Pearl Auten and Brother Ernest Dillbeck.

Brother E. L. Simmons delivered a wonderful message to the Bible students Tuesday A. M. on 2 Tim. 2:15. He took for his theme "Studying the Word." His message was inspiring and was enjoyed by all.

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eternal punishment will be our portion. I want to make this run successful, and reach the shores of everlasting deliverance.

I want to see my Saviour first of all, who has done so much for me here in this life. One who loves the truth, A Bible Student.

H. L. Chesser.

REPORT OF CHRISTMAS MEETING

The Lord gave us a wonderful time Christmas with the brothers and sisters of Clanton, Ala., R. No. 2. We started the meeting Dec. 23, and continued day and night. The Lord blessed in giving out the Word and several were saved and one was sanctified. We held a meeting there in 1922, and the good work is still going on. We went from there on Route No. 6, where they are in need of a pastor. We held five services there, and the Lord met with us each time and souls were made to rejoice in the love of Jesus. Brother Jack Duke and wife were with us in the meeting there.

We feel sure any one who goes to either one of these places, will be cared for.

As the old year went out and the new came in it found us with more zeal and courage to go through with Jesus.

R. L. and Minnie Duke, Warrior, Ala. R. 3, Box 12.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT TAMPA, FLA.

The Church was beautifully decorated in the Christmas colors, red and green with holly berries, cedar and Florida palms.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Brother Stephens.

The program was rendered by the Sunday school. One of the main parts, was a dialogue, by Christianity, and the different nations of the world. There were several songs by all, a quartette, and several recitations by the different members of the school.

Brother Waldron presented Brother Johnson, the pastor, with fifteen dollars, with which to buy a Bible of his own choosing.

Each member of the Sunday school was given a gift by their teacher.

Brother T. S. Payne gave a talk on, "The care of the orphans at Cleveland;" after which a collection was taken for them, which amounted to \$30.01.

Among the visitors were Sister Cotton, Brother T. S. Payne, Brother E. Haynes and Brother and Sister John L. Stephens.

At the close of the Christmas service the congregation was asked to remain for a few minutes, as the best part was yet to come.

Then Sister Polly Goodwin and Brother Dewy Richards, stood before the altar, while Brother Stephens performed the matrimonial ceremony, which made them man and wife.

Brother Johnson asked the audience to stand. Then he bid them, "good-night."

One who was there.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

To The Evangel Readers Greeting:

I want to take this means of telling you about our Christmas program, which was rendered at the church on the night of Dec. 24, 1923; and of how God did wonderfully bless and set His seal of approval on it. We

had a wonderful time in the Lord. He blessed all who took part, and especially Sister Dorris, who spoke a piece entitled

—Jesus was once a baby. The power of God fell and we all got blessed, and rejoiced in the Lord. The program lasted two hours and twenty minutes.

W. G. Rembert, our overseer; also I. H. Marks, our pastor, were present. We love them both. Brother Marks gave an opening address, which we all enjoyed; and Brother Rembert

invoked the Lord's blessing. Truly the Lord heard and answered.

The Church presented to Sister Bowyer a basket of nice flowers as a token of their love and appreciation of the faithful service she rendered in preparing and training the children for the occasion.

Hutten Attey, the son of J. E. Attey, our district overseer, gave the closing address, which was very much enjoyed. The congregation sang in closing, God Be With You Till We Meet Again. Excellent music was rendered by the Eldorado Brass Band. Truly the Lord was with us in a special way.

Pearl Attey,
West Frankfort, Ill.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM OF LANCASter, OHIO CHURCH OF GOD

The program was directed by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Nigh.

Opening address by Brother Mark Nigh. A song by the primary class. Prayer by Sister Martha Wagner. Scripture lesson, Luke 2:8-20, read by Brother Mark Nigh.

Next, a drill, sacred pieces and songs by the children.

It made our hearts rejoice to see the children with their little happy faces. Thank God for the Church and Sunday school at Lancaster. They are coming to the front.

I believe there was something stamped upon the minds of the children, concerning the babe in the manger that will never depart from them. It seemed their hearts were running over with joy.

The program was closed by Brother Butts.

Martha M. Wagner.

A GOOD TIME CHRISTMAS

To the saints of God everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' dear name:

I am praising God tonight for salvation, and for His sanctifying power. I praise Him for so wonderfully baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. Praise God for this peace and contentment which He has put in our souls. Oh, how wonderful to have peace with God, and to dwell with the brethren in unity.

It is truly wonderful the friendship that exists between the saints in the Church of God. How we love her teachings.

We had a family reunion Christmas week at Trolee, W. Va. God in His wisdom saw the need of our meeting.

Sister Coleman's was the appointed place to meet. We had been praying that the Lord would bless and have His way. So we left our home early Christmas morning for Trolee, W. Va., and upon arriving, found Brother Flohr from Welch, W. Va., waiting. Oh how wonderfully God works things out.

We then sang hymns, and talked about the goodness of God until dinner.

The dining table was then covered with good things to eat. After being comfortably seated, Brother Folhr gave thanks to our Lord for His many blessings. After dinner we gathered in the lobby, and Brother Flohr preached for us on the birth of Christ, and, Oh, how God did bless. The saints danced and talked in tongues as on the day of Pentecost. Four of our dear ones came to the altar and were saved and sanctified. Oh how we thank God for victory over the devil.

Dear old sister (Granny) Coleman was so wonderfully blessed, as four more of her children were born into His Kingdom.

From there we went to Brother G. L. Coleman's, Beckley, W. Va. There Brother Flohr preached for us again, and the Lord met with us in mighty power. One received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

Sunday morning we all went to Lester, W. Va., and heard a wonderful sermon on baptism, by Brother O. W. Thomas, our ex-pastor. After service three presented themselves for water

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baptism. Praise our God forever. We're expecting to have a Church set in order at Beckley, W. Va., soon.

Please pray that we may ever be found humble, at the foot of the cross and overcomers for Jesus.

Your brother and sister under the blood,

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Royal,

Fireco, W. Va.

AN INSPIRING LETTER FROM WALHALLA, S. C.

Dear Brother Lee and all who read the dear little Evangel—

Greetings in Jesus' name:

This afternoon the dear Lord has laid it on my heart to write to you.

I am praising God for a full and free salvation, that keeps me from sin each day. I praise Him for the sweet Holy Ghost, which abides in my soul. I am standing for the great Church of God.

I have often wondered why the good Lord passed so many by and picked me up out of this dark world of sin and saved my soul. Bless His sweet name. He knew I loved holiness—the clean straight way.

When the Lord began to talk to my heart, I was going to Sunday school and services at the Baptist church with my mother. Mother was a member of the Baptist church at that time, although she is now a member of the Church of God.

I loved the way of holiness, but attended church with my mother.

I knew we must be born again and live in this present world without sin. I knew the clean humble way was the only way for me.

I remember well the second Sunday in last March, God had been talking to my heart for some time. That Sunday mother and I went to church and my heart was so hungry for salvation. As I sat listening to the minister give out the Word I began weeping. I wondered why the Baptist people did not make an altar call after service, and give hungry souls a chance to get to God. There was no good sister there to lay her arms around my neck and invite me to come to Christ, and there was no good brother there, not even the minister, to help me find what my heart longed for. I went away with a sad heart, asking God to send some one to Walhalla to hold a meeting—some one who preached holiness. Praise God, He heard my prayer. A week later He sent Brother S. C. Chambers, who held meeting in a sister's home, where I was sweetly saved and sanctified. Bless His name! I do thank God for the blessed Holy Ghost, I received the first of April.

Brother Chambers set a Church of God in order with forty-nine members, and I was among that number. We immediately went to work to build our church. We bought us a lot to build the church on, and the dear Lord helped us to pay for it in a short time.

We had a hard road to travel, as the enemy tried in every way to pull us down, and keep the Church of God from going up in Walhalla. Praise the good Lord, we have our church finished ready for service, and only owe one hundred and thirty-five dollars.

We want to thank the good people of Walhalla, and we certainly appreciate every helping hand.

All summer we had Sunday school and service under a brush arbor. Oh I thank God

for the many souls He has saved, and for the many good blessings He has been giving us under this brush arbor.

The first week in December we had a wonderful meeting in our new Church on Monday night. The first of the meeting we had with us Brother and Sister Powell. Brother Powell preached for us, and the Lord certainly anointed him with the Holy Ghost, as he gave out the message.

Brother Chambers preached the rest of the week and the Lord blessed in every service.

Three were saved, three sanctified, one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and was added to the Church of God.

On Friday night the power fell in a mighty way, and saints were dancing and praising God under the mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost. On Sunday night the power fell so mightily that the people, both saint and sinner, witnessed a mighty shaking like that of an earthquake.

Pray for us here in Walhalla, that we may do more for the Lord. I do want to be like Mary, sitting at Jesus feet, listening to His voice, and then I want to obey every word He speaks to me.

I would like to tell you how I enjoyed the 18th Annual Assembly. It was my first trip to Cleveland, Tenn. I knew the Church of God was right, yet I never knew there was such a large family of us.

TESTIMONIES

"YE ARE MY WITNESSES"

I am praising God for what He is to me now. I am glad that today finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and a member of the Church of God. I am truly glad He has kept me through another year, with the love of God burning in my soul, and looking up.

I feel like going on and learning more about Him, who helps and keeps us through all our troubles. Without Him we can do nothing.

Dear saints, if we will stand on the Word of God, the wind may blow and the devil howl, but God will protect His trusting children. Let's stand true to God and not be found wanting. As we enter into the new year let's pray more and do more for God than ever before. I mean to by His help.

Pray that God will have His way. Also pray for my husband, children and friends who are in sin, that God will save them before it is too late.

Ellen Nelson,
Empire, Ala.

I am glad I can report victory over sin and the devil tonight. Praise His mighty name. Though all is dark outside and the lightning is flashing and the thunders rolling, I am glad I can feel His sweet presence in my soul. I am glad when the storm is on in full blast, that I can say with a true heart, saved through Jesus blood. He is a shelter in time of storm. Praise His sweet name.

I have had this good blessing for about four years, and am not tired of the way. I am glad I can trust Him for both soul and body.

I earnestly covet your prayers that I may stand true to the dear old Church of God.

Willie Alliee Eashan,
Horse Branch, Ky.

On November 14th I was sanctified and the next day I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I am still praising God for this wonderful way. I am glad of the Word of God, and the plan of full salvation. Praise God!

I praise God for the wonderful service we had on Christmas day. Our number was few, but the power of God was truly wonderful. Brother T. A. Sears organized the Church of God. Praise God! I pray that God may bless him where ever he goes, and that he may continue in the evangelistic work for God.

I want all who read this to pray that God may continue to bless at this place.

Minnie D. House,
Cherry Valley, Ark.

I want to send a testimony to the Evangel as I have never testified through the paper before.

I am not a member of the Church of God, but I am praising God for full salvation in my soul.

I was a member of the Baptist Church and was saved, but, thanks be to God for sending some saints here last June to preach the gospel of holiness and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I received the Holy Ghost the 5th day of October. So you see I am young in the way, but old in body. I am 54 years of age. I am glad I have a know so salvation. I have been trusting Him for my body since June, when dear Brother Carlton held a tent meeting here. I do praise God for filling me with the Holy Ghost and speaking in other tongues.

There was only one here last June, but we are eleven strong now. We have the meetings in my home.

Please pray for me, that I will grow stronger in the way, and will be found doing something for Jesus; also pray for God to give us a building to worship in. The devil sure has worked hard here but God is working also.

Your humble sister,
Mrs. L. W. Dean,
Douglasville, Ga.

I feel this morning that the dear Lord leads me to praise Him for a full and free salva-

tion which we can know about. Praise His name!

I can never tell what the Lord has done for me. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the Word of God. I have been added to the dear Church of God, which the enemy hates so bad.

I love this way better each day. It is joy for me. Hallelujah! I am not at all tired of the way, but feel more determined to go through with Jesus than ever before.

Dear ones, heaven is cheap at any cost. Let us press along till Jesus comes. It will not be long. Praise the Lord!

Pray for my two brothers and sisters to be saved, that they may be workers for God. Pray for me also, that I may live true and humble till Jesus comes or calls.

Your sister in Christ,
Lucy Daniels,
Greenville, N. C.

DETERMINED TO GO THROUGH

Macy Chesser.

I surely want to praise God this afternoon for salvation, full and free. I praise Him for His saving and keeping power. Nearly five years ago God looked down upon me in mercy, and picked me up out of the gutter of sin, and planted my feet on the solid rock. Bless His dear name forever. I am also still a member of the dear old Church of God.

Friends, as I write these lines, I can feel the joy flowing in my soul. Hallelujah! The power of the blessed Holy Ghost moves upon my body as I write to the dear saints of God. By the grace of God I mean to stand true and make heaven my home; although the devil bumps us pretty hard sometimes; but we know our Father is watching over us and His great protecting arm is thrown around us.

I am hungry for a deeper experience, that I may be useful and instrumental in His service, and get closer to Him, I want to be ready when He comes, for surely I do not want anyone to get my crown and I expect to be there when the rolled is called. Praise God!

I want to thank God for the dear saints at Williston, Fla., and for the nice little Sunday school we have, also for the Young People's meeting, from which we get good soul food.

I realize that we are living in perilous times, and it will mean much for us to go through with Jesus; but by His help I mean to go through at any cost.

He is my Healer: I would think it a dishonor to the blood of Jesus, for me to trust in the arm of flesh after God has healed me so many times. I was not at the Assembly this year, but from what I can hear I know it was the grandest Assembly that has ever been; and by the help of my dear Savior I expect to attend the next Assembly, if it is His will for me to go.

I thank God for our pastor, Brother A. M. Sapp, and family. Pray much for us at Williston, that we may be entirely given up into the hands of our blessed Savior, and be just what He would have us to be at all times.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE COLORED WORK IN ARKANSAS

We have just set a Church of God in order with ten members, three miles west of Cherry Valley, Ark., at Hutchins School House. Others are to come in later. These are very dear people—men and women who mean business. The future is bright in Arkansas for the Church of God among the colored people.

One very dear minister came in the Church, who did some wonderful preaching. Pray that he may receive the Holy Ghost. We also have a good work started near Haynes, Ark.

Several at this place are looking this way, and want the Church of God. Some of them are leaders in other churches. They say they will never give up till they get a Church at this place.

I am now at Jonesboro, Ark., preaching to the people of the Church of God in Christ. They are very dear, and there is a good chance here for the Church of God.

I came to Arkansas from the Assembly. Many people throughout this State have never had the full gospel preached to them before, so they think it very dear. These people must have a Church of God preacher. I know Brother David La Fleur, our beloved overseer, will consider this well.

My heart goes out for lost souls and I must do all I can. I will leave here for Alabama in a few days. Pray for me and for the work in Arkansas.

Any one can write me at Oxford, Ala., P. O. Box 14.

T. A. Sears.

STEADFAST AND UNMOVABLE

J. L. Dillingham

To the Church of God Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

Some people say they came in the Church of God to die, but I came in it to live. However, I know there will be a falling away, before the son of perdition shall be revealed. Many will be called but few chosen. The Word said, strive to enter in, for many shall seek to enter in and shall not be able. My Lord and my God! Help us to strive lawfully, that we may enter in through the gates into the city.

Oh! when I think of what Jesus said in the 24th chapter of Matthew, because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold; but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. I realize that some will drop out, but few chosen. The Word said, strive to enter in, for many shall seek to enter in and shall not be able. My Lord and my God! Help us to strive lawfully, that we may enter in through the gates into the city.

In i John the first chapter and seventh verse we read these words: If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another; and in the sixth verse we read, If we say we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth. John also says in the second chapter and nineteenth verse: They went out from us, but they were not of us. They would no doubt have continued with us, but they went out that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us; but ye have an unction from the holy one and ye know all things.

In 2 John the ninth verse, we read: Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that abideth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

I am standing on the Word, steadfast and unmovable, rooted and grounded, and built up. Dear saints everywhere, let us stand. Don't give back. Let us flank the enemy on every side. This battle will soon be over. Press on.

THE CHURCH OF GOD

William L. Bass

Dear Brother Lee, and the Church of God in General: I am in the Church of God. Most anybody will say that, but I declare unto you, I do not know of any other than the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tennessee. Hallelujah!

It seems very strange that some of the people who taught the Church of God and proved it so plainly by the Scriptures are not saying anything about those Scriptures any more; and are trying now to find something else, but all in vain. I feel like saying, amen! Oh! I fancy I can hear the amen's sounding from the different sources. There is something sacred, I can feel just now, beginning to

creep over my being. Thank God!

I heard the Church of God preached before I was saved, saw it proved out by the Word; and I really loved the Church of God then. It has been said that the Church of God was split, but I wish to say the Church of God is not split and it cannot split. How can it split when the good old Bible says "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." It is not a split as some suppose, but just a small part has pulled off, needing to be dressed and mitered to fit.

I am glad to say the Church here, of which I am treasurer, is sticking to the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn. I haven't known of one pulling off here. They seem to be well mitered and fit.

Wants to Be Found Watching

I want to say that my home was once very unhappy. My husband was a holiness fighter, but I am glad to say that nearly two years ago, he and I were both saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. We have a happy home now, and a home of prayer. We can always find something to say about Jesus.

Praise God for His wonderful power. I desire the prayers of all the saints that we may always live humble, faithful and true to the Lord; pray that we may do more for Jesus; and pray for all the saints at Coalwood to get on fire for God, come together more, and get busy for the Lord.

I want to live up to the fifth chapter of Matthew, where the one had five talents, and gained five more. Bless the Lord. I want Him to say to me, "Well done thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." I want to have oil in my vessel, my lamp trimmed and burning bright, when the Lord comes. You know that Jesus says for us to watch and pray, lest we enter into temptation. We must watch, lest He comes and finds us asleep. Jesus asked His disciples if they could not even watch with Him for one hour. I hope all the saints here will get busy for the Lord, come together more often, and help us in our little meetings. We must get on fire for God and hold up the blood stained banner.

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I have been a member of the Church of God for nearly a year, and I am so glad to say, I know

year ago for I could not see it, and I know there is still more light shining that I cannot see. Oh how my heart thrills with joy and happiness to know Jesus can help me turn away all the works of darkness, and put on the whole armor of light.

I never heard of the Church of God until about a year ago. I was at Rose Bay, N. C. and heard Brother Tom Jackson preach and I enjoyed the sermons more than any I ever heard before, because he preached something new to me. After hearing him I read for myself and found it was real Scripture. Why I could not see these things before, I cannot tell, only because I was so in the dark. I have been baptized with water, and will you dear saints pray for me to be baptized with the Holy Ghost? Pray that Jesus will help me to make known the mystery of His Word, and pray that I may be watchful and prayerful; putting on the whole armor of God and fighting manfully the battle of life that I may at last wear the crown He has prepared for me.

Pray for the salvation of my family.

Mrs. J. H. Coffey,
Coalwood, West Va.

Fills My Heart With Joy to Read the Evangel

Dear Readers of the Evangel:

I am taking the Evangel now, and oh how it fills my heart with joy to read it. I read most every word every week, and how some of the sermons and letters touch me way down deep in my heart. I never knew that there was such a light shining in my path until about a

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